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Los Latinos protest Royko

Twenty Purdue Calumet students attend protest in Chicago.

Last Friday members of Los Latinos along with representatives of other Hispanic student organizations from Purdue Calumet came together to join in a protest outside the Tribune Tower with charges of racism.

The protest was a result of a questionable article written by *Tribune* columnist Mike Royko that appeared in the Tuesday, Feb. 27 edition of the newspaper.

"It was an insult to all of us, and we deserve a respectful apology," commented Los Latinos' President Angie Pagan.

The students felt Royko's column concerning Republican Presidential candidate Pat

Buchanan's political agenda turned into a racist attack against the Mexican people.

This prompted an immediate response from the Latino community and civil rights activists. Flyers announcing the protest were plastered around campus the day after the article appeared.

Radio, the internet and television were used to help schedule the protest to Royko's article and the *Tribune*. Many students were surprised at how fast the protest was organized.

Member of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Sigma Lambda Beta, Alpha Psi Lambda, and Zeta Sigma Chi attended the protest. Many carried banners, flags and picket signs for the protest. In all, approximately 20 Purdue Calumet students attended the protest.



Photo supplied to the Chronicle by Los Latinos

Members of Los Latinos gathered to protest columnist Mike Royko. His remarks in a column about Mexico last week sparked this protest in at the Tribune Building in Chicago.

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News correspondent visits Purdue Cal

BY DEDEE LUDWIG
Staff Writer

As a celebration of Women's History Month, an award-winning CBS news correspondent, Martha Teichner, discussed her career and the struggle to the top on Friday, March 8. Teichner is a correspondent for the CBS news Sunday Morning program.

Teichner is often looked at with much respect. She has climbed her way to the top without looking back. She appears to have the ultimate balance in her life, but she was not always in this position. Teichner battled extraordinary odds to become who she is today.

Teichner is a native of the midwest, born and raised in Traverse City, Mich. She graduated from Wesley College, along with Hillary Clinton, in 1969.

From the success that she had obtained, one would assume that television journalism has always been her goal in life. But it was not until 1971 that Teichner discovered what she wanted to do with her life.

When she graduated from college Teichner had a degree in economics and no clear goal in mind. Her passion was revealed to her when she attended her first and only strike.

The media was there to cover the event and it was then, when she saw the television crew covering the event, that she knew what she wanted to do with her life. Teichner had found her passion.

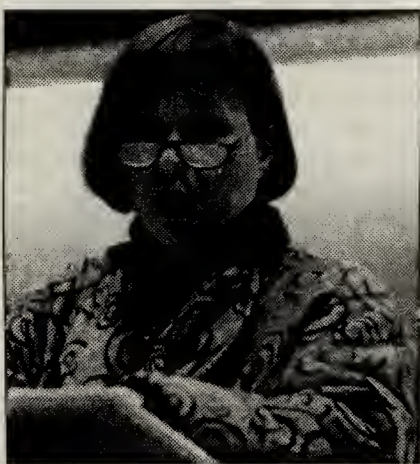


Photo by Sean Kingston

CBS news correspondent Martha Teichner speaks during her presentation last Friday in G-103.

Failure was never a consideration to her. Teichner grew up with a strong role model. Her father was a professional skier and he died when she was nine.

When he passed away, her mother was left alone to care for Teichner, her only child. Despite the hardships that they endured, she was raised with strong values. "Lead, don't follow; give, don't take" were the words of wisdom her mother gave to her.

Teichner was raised to be self-sufficient and to succeed at anything that she tried. It was with that philosophy that Teichner was raised, and it is with that philosophy that she lives her life.

"Don't be afraid to be passionate about something," Teichner offers as

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Moffitt survives impeachment attempt

BY AMANDA TUOHY
News Editor

A proposal to impeach President Thom Moffitt submitted by Student Government senator Dave Spott, was crushed swiftly and silently at the March 10 SG meeting.

Senator Steve Pynacker made a motion to close dis-

cussion on the matter, and it was seconded. The only members to vote in opposition to the closure was Spott and Senator Rhede Rhodes.

"There should have been discussion about the matter," said Rhodes, "for opinions can open new doors. Perhaps impeach-

ment was not intended...but new steps and ideas have been quite helpful. Change is good."

Members of SG said the suggested impeachment was due to Moffitt's recent loss of representation within the Council of Faculty

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Photo by Sean Kingston

'There is no next year'

The Lady Lakers are playing in the NAIA tournament this Thursday. From left to right, Angie Jez, Tabitha Beaumont, Jaime Muskin, Tanya Popiela, Natalie Shadowen, Juliann Luketic, Tina Mudy, Amanda Stutler, Jen Medley; front - Michelle Russell, Carrie Zapinski, Brea O'Connor. - see related story page 7

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Don't be squeezed out of the classes you want

Death and taxes aside, the closest thing to a sure thing on our campus is this: To get the summer or fall classes you want, take advantage of the upcoming early registration period.

That window of opportunity begins Monday, April 1 (no fooling!) and continues through May 3.

On the heels of this, our second highest spring semester enrollment, we expect growing enrollment to continue next fall. Procrastinating your registration plans may deny you a spot in a class that fills quickly.

We have proclaimed this advice before, but we think it bears repeating. Course schedules will be available upon your return from Spring Break.

Construction/parking update

Construction of our Classroom Office Building is expected to begin in December or January. That means the 200-space parking lot between the Anderson and Powers Computing buildings, on which the facility is to be built, will remain a parking lot through the summer and fall semesters.

In the meantime, expansion of the Porter Hall lot north is expected to be finished by mid-August.

While consideration was given to constructing a greenhouse on the site of the small lot adjacent to the Gyte building and annex off Woodmar Avenue, it has been decided to retain the lot. If a greenhouse is constructed, it will be located elsewhere on campus.

Finally, based on prudent consideration and feedback from various survey instruments—including a recent Administration Update—a decision to construct a campus parking garage has been deferred indefinitely. Thanks to all of you who shared your opinions.

Go, Lady Lakers!

As you read this, our Lady Lakers women's varsity basketball team is gearing up for opening round play in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Division I tournament at Jackson, Tenn.

Our team brings a 27-4 record and 12-game winning streak into the national competition. It was a joyful sight watching our players and coaches cut down the nets after winning the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference tourney Feb. 29 in our gymnasium.

It's been a wonderful season. Congratulations and continued best wishes to coach Gary Hayes and our team of student athletes.



Briefs

Maple syrup time

Maple Syrup Time at Deep River County Park is being held on March 16 & 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join visitors touring the tapped trees, visiting the Sugar Shack, Wood's Historic Grist Mill, and the Visitor Center Gift Shop. Enjoy the popular movie, "Maple Sugar Farmer" and observe the syrup exhibits. Pure Maple Syrup, stoneground cornmeal, refreshments, and souvenirs will be available for purchase. This is a free program. Deep River County Park is located on Old Lincoln Highway at County Line Road, east of Merrillville. For more information call 219-947-1958 or 1-800-GRISTMILL.

Quilting bees

Volunteers have put together the 1996 quilt at Deep River Park and it is now in the quilting frame awaiting nimble fingers to turn it into a work of art. Quilters will gather at Deep River Park's Visitor Center during Maple Syrup Time to sit together and quilt. You may join them or simply observe on March 16 & 17 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. For more information call Deep River Park at 219-947-1958.

Summer in Vermont

The Diploma Program is a eight-week professional training program designed for teachers and prospective teachers of English as a Second or Foreign Language. The focus of the program is on practical teaching techniques. This program is ideal for working teachers who need additional training and professional qualifications, new entrants to the TESL/TEFL fields, or anyone else interested in a professional in TESL or TEFL. For more information call 802-654-2684 or E-mail

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Art exhibit at library

Monster artist Norabel Morrison Grych will be exhibiting a variety of her work during the month of March in the Hammond Public Library Mail Library Art Gallery, 564 State Street. Mail Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Pi Sigma Alpha Scholarship

Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, is proud to announce its continued sponsorship of the category entitled Undergraduate Essay in Political Science through the Sigrid Stark Writing Award Contest. An essay of research paper in any aspect within political science written either for a departmental course or specifically

for this contest would be appropriate. Papers should have footnotes or end notes and a bibliography. For more information contact Maurice Eisenstein.

Two chemistry lectures are scheduled at 7 p.m., Wednesdays, March 13 and 27 in room G-103. The first lecture, "Remote Sensing of the Atmosphere by Infrared Spectroscopy," will be presented by Professor Martin Spartz of the Department of Chemistry at Central Michigan University. The second lecture, "Moessbauer and EPR Studies of Hydrogenase," will be presented by Professor Kristene K. Surerus of the Department of Chemistry at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Purdue Calumet's Department of Chemistry at 219-989-2284; northern Indiana toll free: 800-228-0799, ext 2284; or from Illinois: 708-862-5690, ext.2284.

Performance about our chaotic society

"What's Going On,?" a performance about a chaotic society, will be presented at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 15 in room 131 of Lawshe Hall. Admission to the performance is free. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Purdue Calumet Associate Professor of Communication Theresa Carilli at 219-989-2628; northern Indiana toll free: 800-228-0799, ext. 2628; or from Illinois: 708-862-5690, ext. 2628.

American Association of University Women

A noon-time talk on the American Association of University Women will be presented by Patricia Lovelace on Wednesday, March 27, at 12 p.m. in room C-321. Mrs. Lovelace will talk about equality and education for women to vote this coming election. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Sandra Frazier at 989-2740.

Empowering parents

The Indiana Youth Institute will be offering a workshop on April 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The workshop will explore the concept of the family and its role as an effective tool in centering the child in the educational process. For more information call 1-800-343-7060 or 317-924-3657.

Outings Club

The Outings Club will hold a meeting on Thursday, March 14 at 4:30 p.m. in room C-324 H. They will be planning upcoming events for the spring and summer. The Outings club is an organization whose sole purpose is to get students out into the great outdoors. Come help plan camping trips, hikes, and other outdoor events. Everyone is invited to attend.

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An Ounce of Prevention

by Bob Hnida, RN



'Chinese Restaurant Syndrome'

This is not an ethnic slur but a bonafide condition that is referring to an excessive ingestion of monosodium glutamate, more commonly known as MSG. Many oriental-style restaurants use MSG in their food preparation. MSG, a form of sodium, can also be found in many other food preparations as well.

Signs and symptoms

A person suffering from Chinese Restaurant Syndrome will exhibit a flush feeling, sweating, headache, dizziness, and often a huge headache. And if you eat too much food you can experience indigestion, heartburn and even some chest discomfort.

Think back a moment about that last time you ate an entire quart of cashew beef, fried wonton, egg drop soup, a couple of egg rolls and fried rice--a nice meal, but boy, you were stuffed. Boy, did you enjoy that meal. Boy, did you feel like garbage afterwards! (I just made myself hungry. What about you?) But you also wound up experiencing some of the symptoms described above. You may have even taken yourself to the emergency room because the chest pain and discomfort, which was caused by the heartburn, made you think you finally ate yourself into a heart attack. (By the way, it is entirely possible to do that. Your heart has to work extra hard when you eat a large meal. If you have coronary artery disease or a poorly functioning heart you just threw yourself over the edge with that plate full of sweet and sour chicken.) As it turns out, an average of about 15 to 25 percent of all oriental connoisseurs experience Chinese Restaurant Syndrome, a sensitivity to MSG, according to Dr. Dean Ornish.

The Guru of reversal

Ornish is a well known physician who has pioneered studies in the reversal of coronary artery disease and has documented evidence that heart disease can be reversed in many patients. Many physicians did not believe that heart disease could be reversed until the recent documented studies by Ornish were published.

In his book, "Dr. Dean Ornish's Program for Reversing Heart Disease," he cites studies from Harvard Medical School researchers which was subsequently published in the New England Journal of Medicine. In these studies, researchers had found a certain amino acid called "glutamate," which is found in MSG, that may cause damage to the brain when consumed excessively. He mentioned three studies in which children and infants who consumed MSG suffered from severe headaches and vomiting.

I often wonder how many people come into the emergency room with a severe headache that can be attributed to MSG or something else they ate. It has also been noted that MSG causes brain dam-

age in laboratory animals.

That reminds me of a cartoon I once saw in a newspaper on the editorial page. Two men were standing in front of a bunch of billboards that were advertising about air pollution, water pollution, food additives and everything else that causes cancer. One man had a newspaper in his hand and the caption was, "Ah-ha! I knew it! Scientists have discovered that living causes cancer!"

Recommended reading

Right now Ornish has three books published and I would heartily (excuse the pun) recommend you pick them up and read them cover to cover.

1. Dr. Dean Ornish's Program for Reversing Heart Disease
2. Eat More, Weigh Less
3. Stress, Diet and Your Heart

All are very easy, interesting reading, and all of his books have some very good recipes.

Other causes

This will be the last in a series of articles on chest pain, as we will turn our attention to other problems you may encounter in your lifetime. But I am going to finish the series on chest pain with a fairly comprehensive list of those maladies that can be the culprit of your chest pain.

We already discussed angina, anxiety, asthma, aneurysms, costochondritis, and Chinese Restaurant Syndrome as six causes of chest pain.

Here's a bunch we haven't discussed in this series--there's more than 30:

Blastomycosis, bronchitis, cardiomyopathy, cholecystitis, coccidioidomycosis, distention of the colon's splenic flexure (which may be relieved with the passing of stool or gas), esophageal spasm, Herpes Zoster (shingles), a hiatal hernia, interstitial lung disease, Legionnaires disease, a lung abscess, lung cancer, mediastinitis, mitral valve prolapse, a muscle strain, a heart attack (I know that one surprised you!), nocardiosis, pancreatitis, peptic ulcers, pericarditis, pleurisy, pneumonia, pneumothorax, psittacosis, pulmonary actinomycosis, a pulmonary embolism, pulmonary hypertension, a rib fracture, sickle cell crisis, thoracic outlet syndrome, tuberculosis, and of course, medications or illegal drugs.

As you can see, I could have continued all through next year with this series on chest pains. The purpose of writing this series is to bring to light that not all chest pains are related to the heart. I'm sure you will be sensible enough not to panic each time you get a little twinge or ache. I am also sure that you will do the sensible thing and seek a physician or practitioner to properly diagnose the problem.

Be careful next week. Alcohol-related injuries are at an all time high during spring break. Don't become a statistic. Be safe and remember that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

CBS

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advice for young people today.

Teichner went on to explain that the setbacks, failures and struggles will all seem minuscule when the final goal is achieved.

After Teichner found her passion, she tried to break into the world of television journalism.

"I did a lot of freelance writhing and a lot more waitressing," she said.

Her first real chance in journalism was for a country radio station, WJEF. Teichner went on to many other jobs and finally landed her job with CBS when she was 29.

She was successful at CBS, but that achievement was not enough for her. She would never have the success that her male co-workers had without

having the stories that they did: The war stories.

Teichner wanted to prove something to herself and everyone else, and she finally got her chance in 1983.

CBS needed someone to go to Lebanon and Teichner was the only one that could cover the story. She had to fly part of the way and then drive over a mountain during the night because of the extreme danger. Horrible memories plagued her from that trip, but when she aired on television in the United States it was finally worth all of the agony.

"When my first battle piece showed up, the women from WBBM Chicago stood up and cheered," she said.

Teichner covered many war

stories after that one. It was not until she traveled to Bosnia that she decided to come home for good. Her mother was dying and she barely arrived home in time for their final good-byes. It was then she realized that she had no balance in her life. Teichner asked to be moved to Sunday mornings.

Though she doesn't cover the wars during her show and her travel is not as exciting or dangerous, Teichner is content.

"I like the stories that I do, they are as rich as war stories," she says.

Teichner, who has achieved ultimate success in her field, broke the barriers so that other women can have the chance that she struggled so hard to have.

Moffitt

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Delegates' meetings. A member of the SG will be appointed to attend the next CFD meeting for voting procedures, according to a SG source.

Moffitt was absent to many CFD meetings, and although he often sent a proxy in his place, he neglected to designate a spe-

cific, single person as his alternate. This unorthodox procedure prompted his dismissal from the university committee.

"Yes, he got kicked out of the CFD committee," said senator Juan Casas, "but if there was an impeachment it should have been done a long time ago.

Instead of causing conflicts right now, we should mend our wounds and be well established for the future."

Moffitt will continue his regular duties as SG president despite being dropped from the CFD.

Summer/Spring registration begins

BY VICKY VALADE
Staff Writer

Registration will begin starting This year summer classes will be an eight week session beginning on June 10 and ending on Aug. 2. Over 300 courses will be offered to the student body at Purdue which will range from philosophy to computer classes.

Fall classes will be offered as a sixteen week semester that will begin on Aug. 26 and end approximately the second week in December. There will be over 400 courses offered this fall in both evening and day time. Once again, Purdue will offer off-campus classes in Merrillville,

Crown Point, and Lake Central for easier convenience.

The schedule for fall registration is as follows: early registration will begin April 1 and end on April 19, open registration for the summer will be from June 5-6, and final registration is June 10-12. Open registration for fall is July 5 to July 26, and final registration will be held on Aug. 19, 22, 23, 26, and 27. The hours to register are Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and on Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Advice on registration

1. Register early!
2. Meet with your advisor early!
3. Look at the number of

credit hours; it is important not to overload your schedule. Make sure that you can give any class the attention that it needs.

4. Take advantage of the CLST system offered here at Purdue University Calumet. It is accessible through the computer lab and it will show any updates to the class schedule.

5. Finally, read the registration booklet before you pick your classes! This will give you all the necessary data regarding final exams, days off, days to drop classes, refund schedules, late registration fees and financial aid information.

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Your vote counts

Very few students realize the importance of their vote in an election. With elections arriving at a swift pace, reasonable doubt exists for students participating in this year's election. Seventy people exercised their right to vote in the Student Government elections last April. In a student population over 9,000, that is pretty sad. Our school allows us to choose our elected officials, yet we fail to exercise this right.

Is our responsibility unclear? Students can voice complaints they have to the student government, who in turn should voice their concerns to the administration.

Students can opt to join an activity on campus, such as Student Government, in order to more effectively voice their opinions.

Where has Purdue University Calumet's Student Government been? What have they been doing? Meetings are held and students are welcome to attend, but rarely do. Members of the student government have failed to show up for meetings themselves.

Elections provide the opportunity for students to choose who will govern them. Members of our current student government have proven ineffective. Perhaps if the majority of student showed up to vote this would not be the case. These same students, who did not bother to vote, will complain about the "parking situation" and other campus issues. Student Government does pull some weight on campus. Without any student feedback or influence, our student representatives might not take on some of the issues concerning the greater university population.

April will come around and many students still won't vote. Yet we'll all be out there facing campus issues, but will have nowhere to turn with the complaints of unattended issues. Optimally, we, as a student population, will band together and fix our leadership deficiency when the time is right (i.e. election day).

Our current government has faced many difficulties this past school year. These difficulties may be based on poor attendance and participation in meetings. When our student government can't even communicate amongst themselves, then how are they going to get anything done for the students?

Vote and take advantage of your civil right here on campus, that is how things get changed. PUC needs a change, a new government - an active government.

Week 3 Highlighted team - Purdue
Third year straight Big Ten Champions,
seeded #1 in the West Regional.

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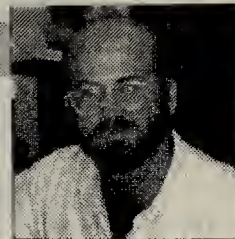
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Commentary by Mike Korba

Mike on Mike

Royko stirs up some controversy



Whoaaa Buddy! I was flabbergasted when I read what Mike Royko wrote a couple of Tuesdays ago. Surprised not so much at what he was trying to say, but that he would try to make his point concerning Mexico in a joking manner. In other words, I was amazed more at what he was trying to say than how he said it.

There has been a tendency during the past decade for groups in the U.S. to bristle at criticism. Special interest groups developed the Political Correctness litmus test which did more to ensure censorship of criticism rather than sensitivity towards others. Even straight forward criticism is suspect, much less any attempt at hyperbole.

Sadly, it seems Mike mixed his fact and fiction a little too thoroughly for many. It was possible for some to take his hyperbole and sarcasm seriously. It was this which seems to have caused some to find him racist.

Royko's obvious goal was to make fun of isolationists and xenophobes who find the issues concerning Mexico - from immigration here to job deportation there - worrisome. This he did. Along the way, though, the sage of the Midway joined a movement which is making many liberals, and even the Republican leadership, shake with concern: he joined the growing group of U.S. citizens that feel that Pat does have some valid points on some issues.

A look at the fact and fiction of the column is in order to determine what Royko really is.

Royko's take on such issues as the Mexican government, the populace who vote that government into office and the official and un-official immigration policy of both the Mexican government and ours,

while put forth in a satirical way, does contain a body of truth.

The Mexican government is fairly corrupt. The Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) has retained power since the revolution in the 1920s through widespread grafting, a well established patronage system, political power consolidation and relegation inside the party. The Intro. to Comparative Politics here at PUC shows that. The recent revolt of the Zapatistas in Chiapas exemplifies the feelings of disenfranchisement felt by sectors of Mexican society.

Is it a "narco-state?" Numerous stories have been printed and aired showing the connection between drug money and the election campaigns of PRI members. Police and military corruption is also reported to be widespread concerning drugs and political power.

Royko takes a big step by placing the responsibility for their plight on the Mexican people. Not because his claim is without merit, for Mexico is a democracy, but because it is unfashionable to lay blame on the populace for what an elitist government has done. In comparison, you will find a rare US voter who will take credit for the problems in this country even if he or she has voted for the winner in every election since Roosevelt.

Then there's immigration. I'm a big World Government fan and communitarian. Simply, I believe nationalism is bad, that this is a world of people--not Americans, Mexicans, Irish and Poles. I say lets have a world economy for the masses. No economic wars with peoples' labor and livelihood a mere consideration in the quest for the "bottom line" and profit. (How's that for a mini-tirade?)

Buuuut, if you do believe in the

sanctity of a nation state, then the illegal immigration of Mexicans--or Poles--is undesirable. So Mike has a valid point in questioning both the US and Mexican governments' handling of the issue.

Now, his comments about the worth of the Mexican state and its citizenry crossed the path into parody--one would hope--since it was rather scathing. This fictional denunciation of Mexican history leaves cause for questioning Royko's thinking.

I hope he doesn't seriously feel the only thing worthwhile to come out of Mexico is tequila. Or that Mexicans do not know what they are doing. That is ludicrous.

I do not read his column every day, though I do peruse it often. And although I do know that his remarks can be annoyingly crude, I do not see evidence of racism. There is a line between bad humor and racism.

Royko's clumsy attempt to mimic Jonathan Swift's "A Modest Proposal" is a case in point. Swift's satirizing sending--as snacks--Irish children to the US during the Irish Potato Famine was roundly criticized when it was written also, even though false. Royko's proves only he is not a literary giant. It proves nothing about his being fascist.

Royko uses humor and sarcasm as vehicles to promote his views. It's his particular skill. When he chastises the Buchanans and David Dukes of this world in a caustic vein, which he regularly does, he is applauded.

So let's give Mike at least a little credit. He may fail at his attempts at humor sometimes (even often) and sound somewhat crass, but to claim he is a bigot or a racist on the substance of one article is much..

Bad writing though? I don't think there is any question.

Letters to the Editor

This is a response to Broderick Berry's commentary, "White teacher, black history." It is ludicrous to believe that only a black is capable of teaching black history. Berry's argument reduces the teaching of history to an existential sphere in which one can only relate to others those things he/she has experienced firsthand. Therefore, Berry would claim that it is impossible for any of us to understand the torment of Holocaust victims unless we were Jews living in Nazi occupied Germany.

Furthermore, Berry would have us believe that we could not understand the exploitive nature of workhouses on children living at the turn of the century because it happened at a different time and age.

There are a great many people who outraged at the treatment blacks have received in a racist environment such as ours. These sympathetic people are not only black, but white, hispanic and asian. The fact that a white person is teaching a course in black history should not symbolize that person's inadequacy for teaching that course. Contrary, it should represent that our differences are not so much that of color or culture. Instead, it should represent clearly that there are economic, political and legal factors in our society that work for the benefit of a few

and discriminate against the rest regardless of race.

Furthermore, I think Mr. Berry's commentary points out vividly that there is a growing we-they attitude between races that cannot be resolved. This suggests that there are inherent differences between races that cannot be overcome.

I am concerned by this attitude because it does not help overcome the problem of racism that is increasing in the World. It also ignores the fact that groups of multi-racial origin have fought racism together - groups who have come together because of their similarities rather than their differences.

Perhaps we could have another forum on campus to discuss these issues openly. I believe that Mr. Berry had good intentions in his commentary. Yet, we cannot continue to believe that blacks, whites, hispanics and asians will never be able to understand each other or cannot have any commonality. To believe so perpetuates racism.

Lee Rademacher

English tutoring lab

I need to address a large group of people on campus; the people who work in or are associated with the English Writing Lab, the students

who come into the lab, and the senior faculty of the English department. These people know me as a tutor who has been in the lab for a long time, and I would like everyone to know the reason for my sudden resignation last week.

I resigned along with three other tutors. The four of us have been in the lab a long time, we are the four "senior" staff members with a lot of relatively new staff members. We worked with a previous excellent director and never had a single problem. We know how to do our job and we do it really well, and we are all really outgoing, so we usually get along really well with other people. I myself tried to keep the communication lines open until the very end, I really did.

The simple fact is: Doug Petcher tried to fire Mariano Garcia very unfairly. Mariano claims it's because he is Spanish, and although Doug has hired well over a dozen people, he has hired only one minority, and her job is just to answer the phone. I have personally witnessed how Doug has treated Mariano very unfairly in the lab by being hard on him and ignoring or excusing the same behavior in others.

Even If you ignore the racism

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issue, the fact that Doug could fire Mariano for "poor attendance and poor tutoring skills" is abominable. I told Doug I was always late, and Mariano was always on time when we worked together. Mariano was instantly called into the office. If he was late, I was never spoken to. I tried to push Doug recently to prove that wasn't true. I was late six days in a row. The seventh day I didn't show up. The only comment was, "Are you feeling better?" You see, Doug liked me.

Tutors, think about it--what if he didn't like you? To fire someone is to do some incredible damage to a person's professional reputation by saying they're not good enough to be a tutor. Our previous director was not someone who picked tutors lightly, there is a tutor in the lab who admits the previous director would have never hired her. Mariano would not have been in the lab after the first semester if she didn't think he was a good tutor. He's extremely popular with students, and students don't keep coming back to you if they don't feel like you've helped them, no matter how much they like you. What if Doug didn't like you, and he did that to you?

He did that to Ann Marie Cole, a GA who had been in the

lab the longest, and was described as a truly excellent tutor who was very popular with students. She is a very casual type of person who doesn't like to put on airs, and Doug never really seemed to care for her or Helen Syzmanski, another GA, and he told them last semester there wasn't enough money in the budget to rehire them, but he kept on another GA that hadn't been there as long and hired another one. To me, that says that Doug doesn't care about how great a tutor you are, but how much he likes you. And that should not be the basis for whether or not you're a tutor.

The irony is that I was very well-liked by Doug, I was a teacher's pet. Doug probably feels I have really betrayed him. I feel sad about that, because he was nice to me and I liked him. But he treated Mariano, as well as others, very unfairly. Mariano is my friend, and my loyalty as a friend says that I stand behind them when something is not right. I would do it for any of you.

Nobody can understand how hard this is for me. The students that I've worked with have been so awesome, I loved reading your stuff so much. The tutors, some of my best friends at school are still there. It was not that you people weren't good enough to work with, but that others that were, were treated unfairly.

The lab is a really special place to me, and now it's gone. Ami and Jim are hoping that they gave up their jobs to give minorities a chance to work in the lab. We have all been there so long it is a familiar home, and we are all giving up so much. I wanted to go to graduate school here and be a GA someday, but people are saying I will be forever ostracized by the English Department for this one, and I'll never be a GA now. So be it. If the place of my development in education and wisdom teaches me I can't stand up for idealism that I believe about fair treatment for everyone, then I don't need an education.

This is one of the hardest things I've ever done, and I would do it again in an instant. I am quitting the Writing Lab because the way Doug Petcher treated my friend was extremely unfair, and even though I'm blond and blue-eyed, I could have someday fallen from grace and been unjustly dismissed too. I quit because sometimes you have to sacrifice your own personal happiness to stand up for what's right. I would like everyone, especially the other tutors and the students, to know it was with great sorrow I signed the letter of resignation.

Sherry Bernsten

'Hall of Fame' held over

KARENZA NYSTROM
Staff Writer

The Women's Studies Brown Bag Forum 'Homeless Women's Hall of Fame' was performed on Thursday, March 7, which turned out to be a cold, snowy day. This made it easier to imagine the struggles the homeless face for survival in the bitter cold.

Despite the weather, and problems finding an available room, the event was well received.

Channing tried to maintain an atmosphere that made people feel how homeless women might feel. There were films and video presenting some of the challenges they face. The performance seemed to strike up much thought on the problem, and make people more sensitive to it. "Anybody can become homeless," Channing said.

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Looking for the perfect cup o 'joe

BY LAINIE
Staff Writer

Someone leaves a stick-it note tacked to the board under my name. It says "The Last Drop Coffee House," and gives an address. I have no idea who put this here and no idea where this place is 'cause I've never heard of it. So what do I do? I go there.

Well, first I called information to get the phone number so I could get directions as opposed to driving around Highland aimlessly. Okay, run-on! Anywho: My friends were home from school so they tagged along. That really serves no purpose other than to let you know there were seven of us instead of the usual two. We walk in, of course, they make me go in first like we're entering the twilight zone or something. My first thoughts were "Yum! There's no place to sit!" But there were people leaving the table right in front of us. So three of us jumped at it so no one else would steal it, 'cause I really didn't feel like fighting. I was kinda tired.

Jason, the guy that owns the place, came to take our order. We introduced ourselves and I ordered my usual cup o' joe. I also had a peach cappuccino. It wasn't totally peachy (kind of a bonus), but it was swell nonetheless. The coffee tastes like any restaurant coffee; it wasn't anything special, but it wasn't all that bad either. The Last Drop is way cool, though, 'cause they have TWO nights for open mike, formally, they would be Wednesday and Saturday. But pretty much any day of the week, if you got something cool you wanna play, or say, or do, you are more than welcome to. (Okay wait, can I puke now or later? I just rhymed two times in a row AND IT WASN'T ON PURPOSE!! I swear!)

Back to coffee talk before I get scared. The atmosphere -- it was cool for my companion and I cause we laughed at the band and conversed with Jason. (Not that the band was really awful or anything.) I have to say that Jason is definitely one of the most personable people I've come across on this journey. I also found that,

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Sports talk by
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Even though I wasn't born in "the region", I have spent 23 years of my life here. In this time I have grown up watching Chicago sports and am a true devotee of all Chicago teams.

My dad tells me that when I was six years old, my favorite ball player was Richie Allen. I grew up watching the Chicago White Sox and I was there when they talked about changing historic Comiskey Park. There was a legion of devoted fans that remember spending sunny afternoons in those tiny, green chairs praying for a foul ball. I have pictures of a half-torn field that once hosted a game where Carlton Fisk shattered a pitcher's dream of a perfect game by blooming a single into the outfield with two outs in the ninth. My dad and thousands of others started applauding, but at the time I didn't understand what they had done or why.

When my family went to the ballpark, we made it a big event. We left our house a couple of hours before the game began, took a bag full of sandwiches and a pound of generously salted peanuts with us, and tried to make the grand event last as long as we could. I was so excited to arrive in the congestion of 35th street in Chicago and excitedly walk across the parking lot as fast as I could. On a good day, we got there when the gates opened.

One of the greatest feelings in the world was to walk up those ramps out into the stands. Emerging from a darkened hallway, I can still imagine the brilliant sunlight shining down onto the most perfectly cut green grass that I had ever seen. After a brief moment to admire the field and worship the players warming up, we went to our seats. After that, if the players were still taking batting practice, we went to find a spot to hunt for a ball.

During warm-ups before a game against the Milwaukee Brewers, I even caught a home run shot in the twelfth row of the right field bleachers courtesy of Dan Pasqua. I still have that sacred sphere in my room today. Unless it was very cold, we stayed as long as we could, and on the ride home, I usually fell asleep. When I fell into bed that night, I knew that I had experienced something that many of my friends had never done.

As a teen, I remember watching the Cubs in the playoffs against the San Francisco Giants. Using one of my dad's crutches as a bazooka, I tried to mentally blast the Giants out of contention. Will Clark went nuts during that series and sent the Cubs back to Chicago to watch the World Series from the Windy City.

That is my first memory of the Cubs. Since then, they have become my favorite team. Although they have not had as strong a team as the Sox have had over the years, they do have one thing: loyal fans.

Please join us next week, when I will discuss the differences between Sox and Cubs fans, finding inner peace, and possibly saving the world. The only way that I will be able to judge how my column affects people, is if you give me feedback, so please drop me a note at the Chronicle office or E-mail me at:

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Thanx, Ray.

BY RAYMOND LISKEY
Staff Writer

After a week with no games, the Lady Lakers returned to basics to prepare for the tournament. When the tournament pairings were announced on Thurs., March 7, the Lady Lakers earned a 26th ranking for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletic tournament in Jackson, Tenn.

After winning the CCAC tournament, the Lady Lakers had the weekend off from practice. During the next week, Coach Gary Hayes held one and a half hour practices to keep the team in shape and focus on basketball fundamentals.

To prepare for the national tourna-

'Right now, this is life or death here. Right now, this is the most important thing in our lives.'

Tanya Popiela, Senior

ment, the team concentrated on offensive sets, rebounding, and ball movement in their drills. Hayes felt that not playing a game last week hurt the team the most. During practice on Saturday afternoon, Hayes also emphasized the importance of responsibility to the team.

"You have to take responsibility for what happens. You can't depend on

someone else," said Hayes about the level of competition in Jackson.

Just as the team from Central State (whom the Lady Lakers lost to earlier in the season), many of the teams in the NAIA tournament will have quickness and a higher ranking.

"We've matured a lot since that game (Central State). We have more confidence and more poise than we had before," said Juliann Luketic.

The Lady Lakers will play Eastern Central University from Oklahoma in the first round of the tournament. ECU has a record of 29-4 and is ranked seventh in the nation. According to Coach Hayes, ECU is a very physical and quick team.

The Lady Lakers practiced once again on Monday morning before leaving for the "Big Dance". They took with them the team togetherness that kept them strong this entire season. Lucky charms such as a pair of Jordans, pieces of the conference winning net, and a Hawaiian sports bra were not forgotten for this big trip.

"We'll go down there and watch some game films on the bus and try to relax," said Natalie Shadowen about the trip.

When the team is not practicing, they will be visiting historical sights in Jackson and continuing their studies.

"To compete at that level, the Lady Lakers need to get out to a good start, be very aggressive, and play good defense. They need to be hungry," said Hayes.

"Right now, this is life or death here. Right now, this is the most important thing in our lives," said Tanya Popiela.

Michelle Russell added, "There's no next year."



Photo by Sean Kingston

Juliann Luketic, "Lukes," leads the No. 2 defense in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in practice Sunday.

The Arsenal reigns

BY RAYMOND LISKEY
Staff Writer

In the end, there can be only one. After the intramural championship, the only team left standing was The Arsenal.

On Mon., March 11, The Arsenal took on Low Profile. Low Profile finished in second place last year. After jumping out to an early lead, The Arsenal ended their "hoop dreams" with a final score of 55-51.

In the championship game, Kenye Cheairs led the members of The Arsenal which included Clifton Ford, Damon Pirtle, Richard Delk, Kosi Pickett, Darryl Hutson, Harold Wallace, Kevynn Bunkley, and Derek Griffin. Griffin scored 16 points and Bunkley converted three out of four free throws in the second half. All members of the winning team will receive plaques in honor of their achievement.

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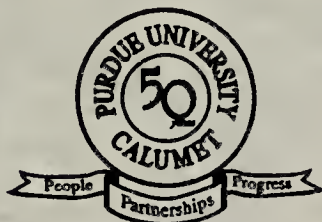
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Coffee

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since it was a Saturday night around 10:30 or 11, there were tons of high school kids there. I asked if it was always like this (it was really smoky, and it's not a very big place, so it was pretty packed). Jason told me that during the week it is a pretty different crowd because business people go there for lunch. In the evening it's mostly college students and older, and it's never been that smoke-filled ever, but the crowd is usually about the same size. Well, for my benefit and yours, I said I would go back for a follow-up in order to check out the week-night population. And hopefully, being that atmosphere was the only thing that really kept down the rating, the scales will rise. All I have to say is that if you're looking for a place to meet new people, check it out. It's a pretty new place- it used to be an ice cream shop. And if you want to check out local bands, Wednesday or Saturday is a good night to go.



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The resource center is offering various non-credit Windows computer training courses this month. Courses include:

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